

A Balanced Approach

Launched last summer with broad public support, the Bay-Delta Plan is a balanced, comprehensive approach to reduce conflicts over limited water supplies and to address the state's long-term water needs.

The Bay-Delta Plan is unique in its approach to solving California's environmental and water problems. The Bay-Delta solutions address four interrelated, interdependent program areas concurrently:



Water Supply Reliability

- Potentially increase California water supplies by nearly 3 million acre-feet through surface and groundwater storage and water use efficiency projects.
- Develop tools to establish an Environmental Water Account to provide water supply reliability, and increase deliveries by 15 percent to water-short federal contractors in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Costs: \$5.5 billion in Stage 1 (first seven years of implementation).



Ecosystem Restoration

- Protect and restore species throughout the Bay-Delta system to meet recovery goals and mandates.
- Develop an annual grant program to support locally and regionally based projects.
- Costs: \$1.6 billion in Stage 1.



Water Quality

- Improve drinking water supplies for the 22 million Californians who rely on Delta water.
- Invest in conveyance improvements, watershed and agricultural drainage projects, and treatment technologies.
- Costs: \$1 billion in Stage 1.



Levee System Integrity

- Improve stability of Delta levees that protect the state's water supply, and reduce conflicts between levee maintenance and habitat needs.
- Costs: \$ 500 million in Stage 1.